

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Title on the page 1, with the following:

~~A method and System for Transacting An Anonymous Purchase Over the Internet.~~

Method of Currency Conversion

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, line 5.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of United States Patent Application No. 09/363,499 filed on July 29, 1999. The disclosure of the above application is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the Abstract section of the specification as rewritten in amendment format.

~~A method is provided for transacting an anonymous purchase over the internet. The method comprises the steps of: (a) acquiring intermediary credit account information from a purchasing intermediary; (b) providing transactional purchase information, including the intermediary credit account information, to a retailer, where the transactional purchase information is provided by the purchaser using a first computing device of a computer implemented purchasing system; and (c) transacting a purchase between the purchaser and the retailer using the intermediary credit account information, thereby maintaining the anonymity of the purchaser.~~

A method is provided for converting currency. The method includes: receiving currency in a first amount from a consumer; converting the currency into an electronic purchase card for use by the consumer, where the electronic purchase card having a value equal to the first amount less a service fee assessed by a provider of the purchase card; and providing the electronic purchase card to the consumer, where the electronic purchase card enables the consumer to transact a purchase by the consumer at a retailer different than the provider of the purchase card.